

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the courtesy of the personal interview on April 16, 2008. The discussion at that interview is succinctly but accurately characterized in the Interview Summary prepared by the Examiner at the conclusion of that meeting.

A fuller description of the undersigned's comments regarding the prior art is unnecessary. The salient difference was captured and described by the Examiner. The Yamamoto et al. engine control device is directed to a two-cycle engine of the type used in motorcycles. To the extent this device addresses any concern with noise it does so only at low-speed operation due to the configuration of the changeover control valves 10, 11. Nothing in this patent suggests the possibility of or desire to selectively adjust sound over all engine operating ranges.

Accordingly, early and favorable action is now earnestly solicited.

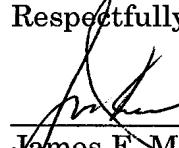
If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

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If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #028987.53209US).

Respectfully submitted,

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